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RESPONSE TO JUNE 20, 2000, OFFICE ACTION

Despite the delays caused by the previous attorney's inaction, the circumstances that merited the special status of this application are continuing. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully solicits swift action on this application.

**I.
TERMINAL DISCLAIMER**

A terminal disclaimer is being submitted herewith disclaiming, except as provided, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of prior U.S. Patent No. 5,989,204.

**II.
AMENDMENT**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (ONCE AMENDED) A medical device adapted for use with cyclical application of fluid pressure to apply said pressure to a human foot said medical device comprising:

an interior elastic fabric sheet for engaging a human foot; and

an exterior [non-extensible] fabric sheet joined with said interior sheet, the exterior fabric sheet being less extensible than the interior fabric sheet, the interior sheet and the exterior sheet together [in a manner] forming a foot wrap, wherein:

said foot wrap encompasses [comprises] an inflatable bladder within a region between and including the interior sheet and the exterior sheet, the inflatable bladder being disposed to apply pressure to the sole of a human foot [at an interior side of said exterior sheet]; and

the elasticity of said interior sheet functioning [is adapted] to exert a lateral force on said exterior sheet [inflatable bladder] such that said inflatable bladder is maintained substantially wrinkle-free when applied to a human foot.

8. (ONCE AMENDED) A medical device adapted for use with cyclical application of fluid pressure to apply said pressure to a human foot, said medical device comprising:

an interior elastic fabric sheet for engaging a human foot;

an exterior [non-extensible] fabric sheet that is less extensible than said interior fabric sheet, the exterior fabric sheet being joined with said interior sheet in a manner forming a foot wrap having an integral bladder formed between said interior sheet and said exterior sheet;

a first tab for releasably securing said foot wrap to a human foot by wrapping around the arch; and

an elongate second tab for releasably securing said foot wrap to a human foot by wrapping around the heel.

17. (ONCE AMENDED) A medical device for use with cyclical application of fluid pressure to apply said pressure to a human foot, said medical device comprising:

an interior elastic fabric sheet for engaging a human foot;

an exterior [non-extensible] fabric sheet consisting essentially of a hook-type connector compatible base material, said exterior fabric sheet being less extensible than said interior fabric sheet, said exterior sheet being joined with said interior sheet in a manner forming a one-piece foot wrap having:

an integral inflatable bladder formed between the inner surfaces of said interior and exterior sheets;

a first tab for releasably securing said foot wrap to a human foot by wrapping around the arch;

an elongate second tab for releasably securing said foot wrap to a human foot by wrapping around the heel, said second tab being generally perpendicular to said first tab when said foot wrap is laid flat;

a third tab generally opposed to said first tab; and

a main portion positioned generally between said first, second and third tabs;

a first releasable hook-type connector permanently attached to an inner surface of a distal end of said first tab, said first and third tabs having dimensions sufficient for said